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	6	Extract Translation of the Notification of Reasons for Rejection of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-285335
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